

Assembly Bill No. 218

CHAPTER 553

An act to amend Section 374 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to state highways.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 218, Melendez. State Highway Route 74.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law describes the authorized routes in the state highway system and establishes a process for adoption of a highway on an authorized route by the California Transportation Commission. Existing law authorizes the commission to relinquish certain state highway segments to local agencies.

This bill would authorize the commission to relinquish to the County of Riverside that portion of State Highway Route 74 located in the unincorporated area east of the City of Lake Elsinore and west of the City of Perris under specified conditions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 374 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:

374. (a) Route 74 is from:

- (1) Route 5 near San Juan Capistrano to Route 15 near Lake Elsinore.
- (2) Route 15 near Lake Elsinore to Route 215 near Perris.
- (3) Route 215 near Perris to the southern city limit of Palm Desert.

(b) The relinquished former portions of Route 74 within the Cities of Palm Desert and Perris are not state highways and are not eligible for adoption under Section 81. For the former portions of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, the Cities of Palm Desert and Perris shall maintain within their respective jurisdictions signs directing motorists to the continuation of Route 74 and shall ensure the continuity of traffic flow on the relinquished portions of Route 74, including any traffic signal progression.

(c) (1) The commission may relinquish to the City of Lake Elsinore the portion of Route 74 located within the city limits of that city, upon terms and conditions the commission finds to be in the best interests of the state.

(2) Any relinquishment agreement shall require that the City of Lake Elsinore administer the operation and maintenance of the highway in a manner consistent with professional traffic engineering standards.

(3) Any relinquishment agreement shall require the City of Lake Elsinore to ensure that appropriate traffic studies or analyses will be performed to substantiate any decisions affecting the highway.

(4) Any relinquishment agreement shall also require the City of Lake Elsinore to provide for public notice and the consideration of public input on the proximate effects of any proposed decision on traffic flow, residences, or businesses, other than a decision on routine maintenance.

(5) Notwithstanding any of its other terms, any relinquishment agreement shall require the City of Lake Elsinore to indemnify and hold the department harmless from any liability for any claims made or damages suffered by any person, including a public entity, as a result of any decision made or action taken by the City of Lake Elsinore, its officers, employees, contractors, or agents, with respect to the design, maintenance, construction, or operation of that portion of Route 74 that is to be relinquished to the city.

(6) A relinquishment under this subdivision shall become effective immediately after the county recorder records the relinquishment resolution that contains the commission's approval of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.

(7) On and after the effective date of the relinquishment, both of the following shall occur:

(A) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision shall cease to be a state highway.

(B) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision may not be considered for future adoption under Section 81.

(8) The City of Lake Elsinore shall ensure the continuity of traffic flow on the portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, including any traffic signal progression.

(9) For portions of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, the City of Lake Elsinore shall maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of Route 74.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the commission may relinquish to the City of Hemet the portion of Route 74 that is located within the city limits of the City of Hemet, upon terms and conditions the commission finds to be in the best interests of the state, if the department and the City of Hemet enter into an agreement providing for that relinquishment.

(2) A relinquishment under this subdivision shall become effective immediately following the recordation by the county recorder of the relinquishment resolution containing the commission's approval of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.

(3) On and after the effective date of the relinquishment, both of the following shall occur:

(A) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision shall cease to be a state highway.

(B) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision may not be considered for future adoption under Section 81.

(4) The City of Hemet shall ensure the continuity of traffic flow on the portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, including any traffic signal progression.

(5) For portions of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, the City of Hemet shall maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of Route 74.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the commission may relinquish to the County of Riverside the portion of Route 74 that is located within the unincorporated area east of the City of Lake Elsinore and west of the City of Perris, upon terms and conditions the commission finds to be in the best interests of the state, if the department and the County of Riverside enter into an agreement providing for that relinquishment.

(2) A relinquishment under this subdivision shall become effective immediately after the county recorder records the relinquishment resolution that contains the commission's approval of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.

(3) On and after the effective date of the relinquishment, both of the following shall occur:

(A) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision shall cease to be a state highway.

(B) The portion of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision may not be considered for future adoption under Section 81.

(4) For portions of Route 74 relinquished under this subdivision, the County of Riverside shall maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of Route 74.